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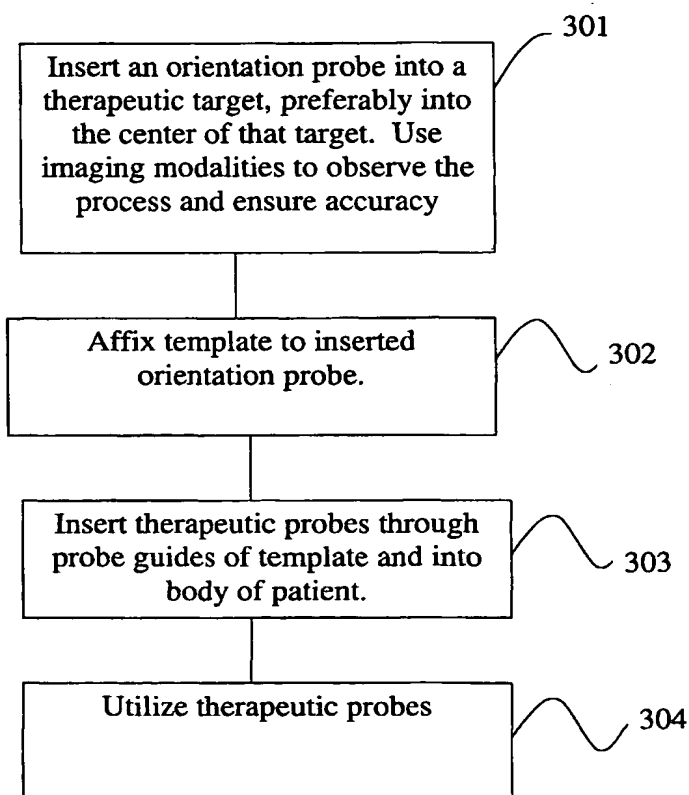
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(57) Abstract: The present invention is of a device and method for positioning a plurality of therapeutic probes with respect to a treatment target within a patient. The method comprises the steps of a) utilizing standard imaging modalities to direct an orientation probe to the target, b) rigidly affixing to the inserted orientation probe a template comprising one or more probe guides, thereby orienting template and probe guides with respect to the target, then c) inserting one or more therapeutic probes through probe guides of the template and into the patient, thereby guiding the therapeutic probes to the treatment target.



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